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Hello Everyone,

The stormy weather is behind us and sunny weather is ahead. Hopefully a lot of you had the opportunity to get your metal detector out and do some searching now that the ground is thawed. I would like to thank everyone in attendance at our club auction last month along with the amazing work done by our officers, wagon masters, and our auctioneer Bob Campbell. It was a memorable event for everyone. Also a big thank you to Clay Riggs for providing our treats.

For this month we will be having our Bourse Night, please bring items to sell, trade, or money to spend. Our plan is to have table space available for as many as possible, however some may need to share a table to get everyone to fit. We will also be having our annual medals design voting managed by Don Swain our medals chairman. Please be sure to bring great designs for us to all vote on for the 2019 Medal.

In addition, we will have our Finds of the Month after a long hard winter. Please bring the items that you have found since last November to put in. I have already heard of some great finds that have occured. We look forward to hearing about more great finds in the future months. We will be giving out a silver dime for each category winner, with the token category receiving a silver quarter.

Our treats this month will be provided by Leara Osborne and her son Robert Berry.

A preview of our April meeting, we will have Mr. Glen Beckstead as our guest speaker, sharing with us his knowledge and expertise on antiques.

We look forward to seeing everyone out this month. Thank you to everyone for your time and support.

This months trivia question is: Which U.S. State has adopted the buffalo as their state mammal?

See you all on the 28th!

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Club Auction

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How to Earn Christmas Tickets

1 for monthly signed attendance log,
1 for bringing treats (dessert and drink),
1 for being an officer/wagon master each month,
1 for each hour serving at the coin/token show,
1 for submitting an article,
1 for referral that joins club,
1 for member spotlight or special find in the news,
1 purchasing prizes for the raffle per month

Club Officer Biography

Harrison and Sampson Families

Hi, we're the NUTS newsletter editors, Philip and Cheryl Harrison. Cheryl has also been secretary for a few years, but it's taking a break from that position. We've both been collecting coins since childhood, but didn't know that about each other until after we were married. We met speed dating ten years ago, a week after Valentine's day. Our tenth anniversary is on the day of this year's NUTS picnic, August 15th. We chose that day because it was the day after Cheryl graduated, and there were still a couple of weeks until the girls went back to school. Italy made for a beautiful honeymoon spot.

Philip has a bachelor's degree in computer science, and works in Air Quality for the State. Cheryl has a bachelor's in psychology, a masters in business administration, and runs a nonprofit and support group for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. We're both from big families. Cheryl's the middle of five kids, and Phil's number five of seven.

We have two daughters. Christelle Sampson is a Wagon master, in charge the promptness prize tags. She works at Clark Planetarium, and is a Geology Major at Salt Lake Community College, with plans to become a paleontologist. She collects swords and knives. Calandra Crowley only occasionally comes to the club. You might have seen her at the Christmas dinner. She is a YouTube voice actor, and an artist. In high school, she acquired the nickname Rapunzel, for her very long thick hair. Both girls collect all things Pokemon.

Cheryl's parents, John and Dixie Sampson, live with us and attend club meetings as well. John is a piano technician, a history buff, and has also been collecting coins and tokens since he was a kid. His friends call him by his middle name, Mark, because every generation of the family has a John Sampson. Dixie is a paralegal, and was raised on a dairy farm in St. Anthony, Idaho. They met square dancing at BYU.

Once in a while, Cheryl's younger brother, Merrill Sampson, shows up at the club too. He's pretty easy to spot, with his red hair, beard, and freckles. He is a guru of all things technological, and works in IT.

News and Events

Northern Utah Coin Show - Ogden Coin Club
April 12th & 13th, 2019
10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Davis Conference Center
1651 N. 700 W., Layton

National Money Show
March 28-30 Pittsburgh, PA

ANA Summer Seminar
June 15 - 27 Colorado Spring, CO

NUTS Club Prizes March 2019

Pastime Pool Cigar Store S.L.C. Ut G/F 25 cents
18500 Large Cent XF
Gold Label Liquor Co. SLC Ut. 10 cents G/F 1 drink whiskey
Civil Rights Copper round 1964
1858 Flying Eagle Cent
West Yellowstone Montana Round
Utah Copper Mine Bingham Canyon Utah Postcard - old
In Search of Treasure - written by Dick Stout
Manti Temple Round
J. David Leigh, Cedar City, Ut G/G 50 cents
H. Borrman SLC Ut. G/F 5 cents
1944 D mercury dime - UNC
Disney Commemorative Proof Silver Dollar
White's Ultra Lite Metal Detector Headphones
1937 buffalo Nickel - XF
2 ½ Pesos Gold

Hobo Nickels

In the 1930's the great depression had an unemployment rate of 14 to 25 percent. During this time some of the homeless or unemployed would spend their time modifying and sculpting buffalo nickels using whatever tools they could find. Often the modifications were only made to the obverse of the coin, modifying the look of the Native American to look more like a hobo or an everyday working class businessman. Other changes included: various hats, bow ties, cigars, pipes, different types of beards or facial hair. Some of my favorite designs make the nickel look like Albert Einstein or Abraham Lincoln.

A set of two Hobo Nickels from the 30's recently went for over $500 at Heritage Auctions. However, most start at $100 and average to about $200.

At the ANA Summer Seminar they have a class on how to make your own. Coin Carving 101: Creating the Modern Hobo Nickel is taught by Joe Paonessa.
https://www.money.org/summer-seminar

Modern Sculpted Coins

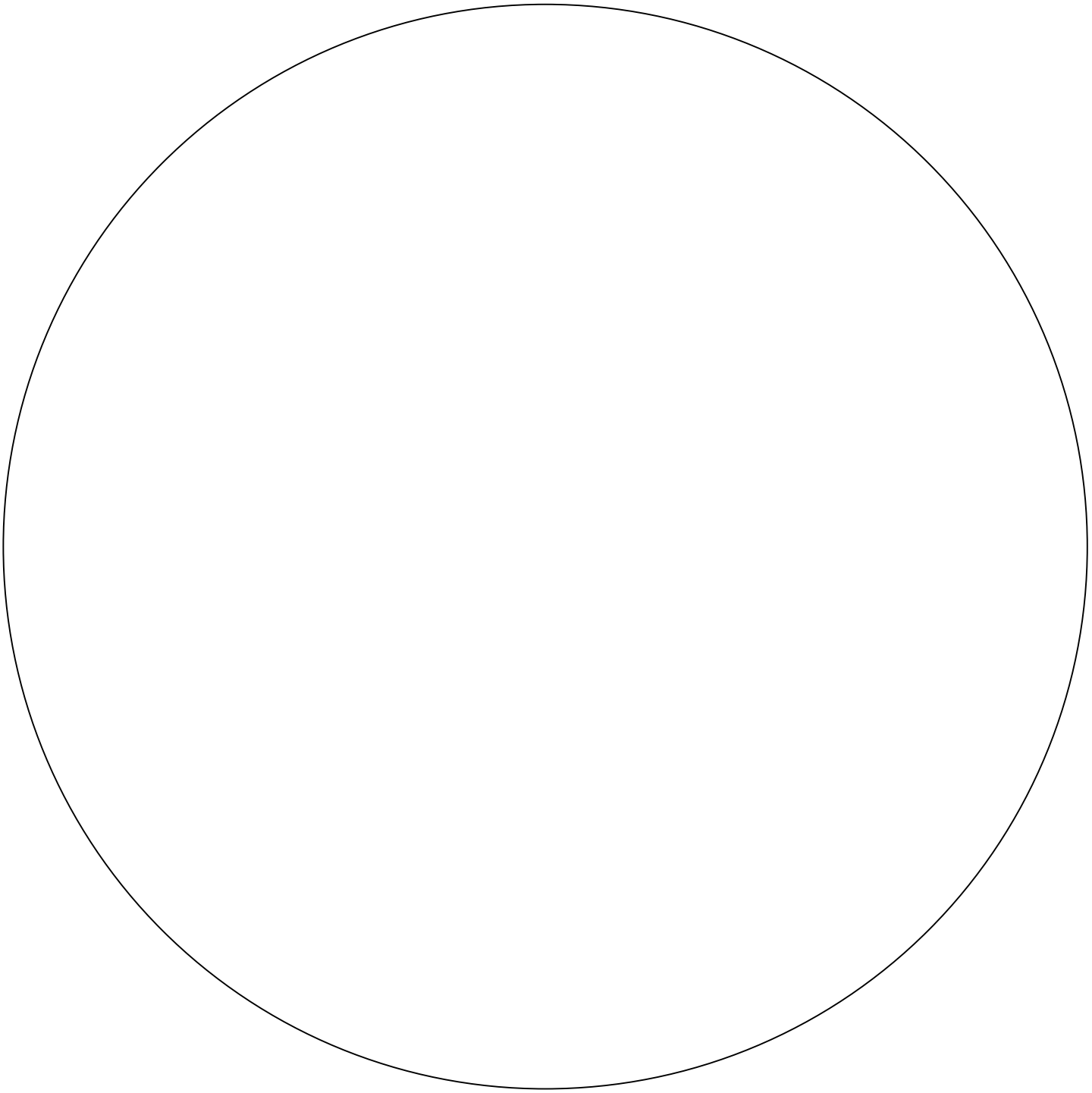
Recent artists do not limit themselves to buffalo nickels, but modify all types of coins. Some utilize Morgan and Peace dollars to make skulls. However Russian artist Roman Booteen has taken it to another level. He has incorporated mechanical movement into a modified silver dollar. When the knight's sword is removed from its scabbard and placed in a slot in the top, then it slides a window open to reveal a golden sun. To create the effect he creates gears and springs to slide parts into place. https://www.instagram.com/p/BpIaKDcDgsi/ Another of his creations is a beetle with wings that move to show a golden abdomen. A more complicated one has sliding doors and a priest's face turns into a skull.

Based on these different techniques it seems like we are only limited to our imaginations. Enjoy either collecting or creating them.

References:

Heritage Auctions - https://coins.ha.com/itm/hobo-nickels/nickels-buffalo-nickels/two-classic-era-hobo-nickels/a/1291-4825.s?ic10=FeaturedPastSalePrices-ItemImageDesc-052317&tab=ArchiveSearchResults-012417
Roman Booteen on Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/romanbooteen/

N.U.T.S. Medal Design Submission



NUTS members it is time to submit your designs for the club medal. There is no specific theme required for the medal. Photographs may be used for a design as well as artwork. If a photo is used it needs to be sharp and clear with distinct lines. For example pictures of buildings work well. **Remember permission must be obtained to use copyrighted material.**

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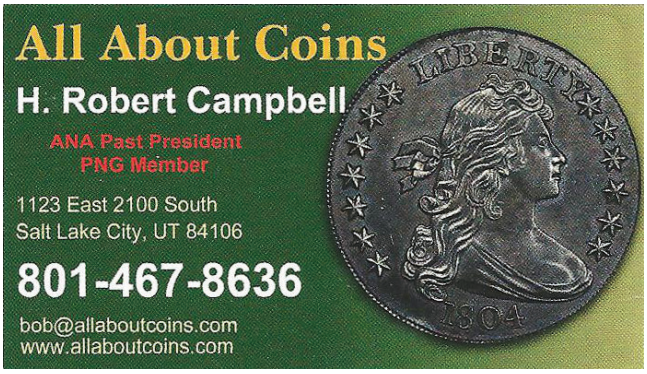

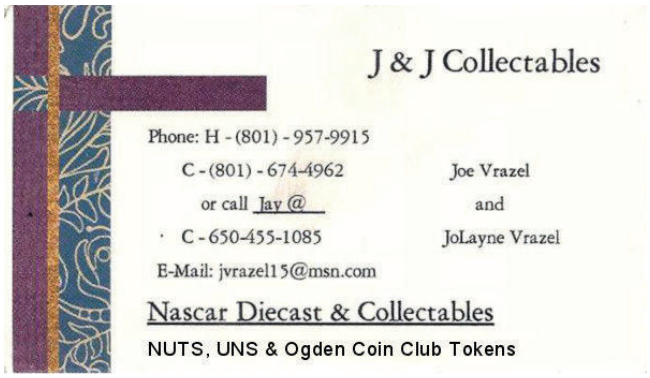

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